

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 4 and 6 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8 are rejected. Claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

On page 2, the Official Action rejects claims 1, 2, 5 and 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Asato (U.S. 7,302,158). It is respectfully submitted, however, that the claims are patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 1, includes features which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... clip ID that references an original material file is stored in the first material storage part, the clip ID used to access the original material file from the first material storage part ...

... copying the original material file stored in the first material storage part to the second material storage part as a copied material file ...

... change the clip ID to reference the copied material file, the changed clip ID used to access the copied material file from the second material storage part.

Claim 1 relates to a clip ID which references an original file stored in a first memory. When the original file is copied and stored in a second memory, then the clip ID is changed. Specifically, the clip ID is changed from referencing the original file stored in the first memory to referencing the copied file stored in the second memory. Support for this feature can be at least found on pages 6-8 of Applicant's specification and furthermore shown in tables 1-4. No new matter has been added.

Asato teaches a recording and reproducing system where inserting a second material data into a first material data occurs during an editing process. Specifically, a first virtual file and a second virtual file are generated on the recording medium so that a reproduction can be carried out at specific points in time. These features are highlighted in Col. 14, line 55-Col.15, line 61 of Asato. Asato, however, does not suggest reference information which refers to two different files stored on two different recording devices.

Applicant's claim 1 is different than Asato, because reference information (e.g. clip ID) is used to reference two different files (e.g. an original file and a copied file) on two different recording devices (e.g. a first storage part and a second storage part) ("*... clip ID that references an original material file is stored in the first material storage part, the clip ID used to access the original material file from the first material storage part ... copying the original material file stored in the first material storage part to the second material storage part as a copied material file ... change the clip ID to reference the copied material file, the changed clip ID used to access the copied material file from the second material storage part*").

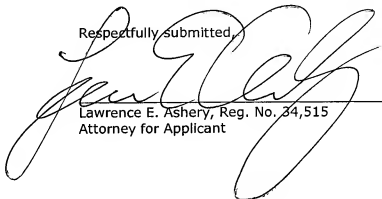
Applicant's system utilizes a clip ID which references material data such as video files. Specifically, a clip ID is used by the system to reference an original material file which is stored on a first material storage part (e.g. removable recording medium). In one example, before the user removes the removable recording medium from the computer, a copying procedure takes place. During the copying procedure, the original material files stored in the removable medium are stored on a second material storage part (e.g. hard drive). After copying takes place, the clip ID is changed from referencing the original material files stored on the removable medium to referencing the copied material file stored on the hard drive. This feature allows the removable medium to be removed from the computer during the editing processing (editing is not disrupted because the clip ID is no longer referencing the material file on the removable medium).

This feature is at least supported on pages 6-8 of Applicant's specification where clip ID 1 originally references material ID 1 (the original material file). After the copying process, however, clip ID 1 then references material ID 1' (the copied material file). Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

Dependent claims 2, 5, 7 and 8 include all of the features of claim 1 from which they depend. Thus, claim 2, 5, 7 and 8 are also patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth above.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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